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Mr. Joseph R. Hendrie, Chairman
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
1717 8th Street
Washington, D.C. 20545

Dear Mr. Hendrie:


The Three Mile Island Nuclear Power Plant accident is of vital interest to the Michigan Public Service Commission, as well as of interest to many other agencies and individuals. Although your agency has primary responsibility in this matter, future decisions may affect plant design, availability, and cost of electric service. These are issues which are at least in part under the jurisdiction of my Commission. I, therefore, request that you provide me and/or members of my staff the opportunity to receive information on the cause and control of the accident, on the conduct of emergency actions, and on activities of your agency in investigating and modifying accident-potential at other plants.

Please provide information on the following:

- 1) Results of NRC activities in determining whether there is any significant potential for any such accident to occur in Michigan;
- 2) NRC actions that might affect availability of nuclear power plants presently operating in this state;
- 3) NRC or other actions or plans that might affect the design or licensing ability of nuclear power plants presently under design or under construction in this state;
- 4) Emergency activities surrounding the Three Mile incident that might be useful to our state during our present re-examination of Michigan's nuclear emergency planning;
- 5) Calculations or estimates that you might have of the change in cost of electric power that any of the activities referenced above might have on in-state power plants.

I understand that some of the activities referenced above may not be under the jurisdiction of your agency; however, I will be most appreciative of any assistance your agency can provide us.

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Daniel Demlow, Chairman
Michigan Public Service Commission